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- 1. James R. Schlesinger has been appointed the new Secretary of Defense and William E. Colby will be the new DCI. Bill Nelson will become the new DDO. All of these changes become effective as soon as Richardson is confirmed Attorney General. President Nixon called Colby a true professional. Mr. Colby agreed with the thrust of policies which Schlesinger has undertaken since becoming DCI.
- 2. The DCI reported on the McClellan hearings and said that he doesn't think that the Ellsberg case will be as damaging to the CIA as previously thought.
- 3. Mr. Proctor explained the Agency's involvement as being in two separate parts. One part, the psychological assessment of Ellsberg, was done on instructions from the White House. The other part, assisting Mr. Hunt, was terminated when his requests began to indicate a possible active involvement by the Agency in activities beyond its charter.
- 4. Mr. Schlesinger asked us not to be too critical of DIA. He said the era of plausible denial is over—it is time for pursuasive admission.
 - 5. DDI reorganization is still under study.

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